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PRISONERS IN MEXICO

FOR SCA/SCS

REF: TELCON WITH CONSUL GENERAL PETERSON, AMEMBASSY, MEXICO,
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1. REVEREND KENNETH ULFENG, A METHODIST MINISTER ASSOCIATED WITH
OUT REACH FOR CHRIST, INC., P.O. BOX 895, EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, 78852,
REPORTED TO CONOFF THAT CHIEF JUDGE ADVOCATE OF FORT SAM HOUSTON,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE
TO REDUCE THREE YEAR SENTENCES GIVEN TWO ARMY MEN CHARGED ONLY
WITH CONSPIRACY TO PURCHASE DRUGS BECAUSE DECISION TO DO NOTHING
CAME FROM HIGHER UP. ACCORDING TO ULFENG HE WAS TOLD THAT EXECUTIVE
BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT MADE THIS DECISION. CHIEF JUDGE ADVOCATE
ALLEGEDLY STATED QUOTE THEY'RE THERE BECAUSE THEY WANT THEM THERE
UNQUOTE.

2. PRISONERS IN PIEDRAS NEGRAS HAVE MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS TO
ULFENG AND CONOFF DURING PRISON VISITS. CONOFF'S RESPONSE TO
PRISONERS ON THESE CHARGES HAS BEEN TO SHOW PRISONERS COPY OF THE
SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTICS OF 1961 EXPLAINING TO THEM THAT AS
FAR AS IS KNOWN MEXICO IS ACTING ACCORDING TO THIS CONVENTION
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TO WHICH IT IS A SIGNATORY AND THAT MEXICAN TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

IS NOT INFLUENCED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT.
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